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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TURKEY

A. TOUGH SLEDDING AHEAD ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS

EMBASSY ANKARA CHARACTERIZES TURKEY'S INITIAL DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT AS "SINGULARLY AND DISTURBINGLY ONE-SIDED, EVEN BY TURKISH STANDARDS FOR OPENING NEGOTIATING POSITIONS." THE TURKS:

--HAVE SET A \$1.5 BILLION ANNUAL PRICE TAG ON OUR INSTALLATIONS (CDIS);

--INSIST ON TYING OUR ACCESS TO THE CDIS TO THEIR ACCESS TO ARMS;

--WANT ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR "SUPPLEMENTARY DEFENSE
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EXPENDITURES NECESSITATED BY THE ADDITIONAL SECURITY

RISKS" CAUSED BY THE BASES' EXISTENCE;

--ALSO WANT BROAD SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION AUTHORITY;

--ARE PUSHING FOR 50 PER CENT TURKISH MANNING OF THE
INSTALLATIONS.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY SOME "GIVE" IN THE TURKISH POSITION, WE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON MUCH. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY WORRISOME BEGINNING TO WHAT WILL CLEARLY BE A NEW ERA IN US-TURKEY RELATION. AT BEST, AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF VERY HARD BARGAINING LIES AHEAD.

(SECRET) ANKARA 8043 AND 8035 (EXDIS), 10/28.)

B. DISUNITY WEAKENS GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE

EMBASSY ANKARA REPORTS THAT DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS SPOKESMEN FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), THE JUNIOR MEMBER IN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION, HAVE CRITICIZED JUSTICE PARTY HANDLING OF THE US BASE NEGOTIATIONS. MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT HAS URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS DESPITE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PIQUE WITH THE AMERICANS AND INTERNAL FEUDING. HE CLAIMED HIS REPUBLICAN PEOPLES' PARTY WOULD NOT obstruct ANY SETTLEMENT WHICH IT CONSIDERS REASONABLE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IF THE PUBLIC SQUABBLING AMONG THE COALITION PARTNERS CONTINUES, IT MAY ERODE THE AUTHORITY NEEDED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON CYPRUS AND ON TURKEY'S MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
ANKARA 8041 AND 8016, 10/28.)

2. PORTUGAL

A. LABOR MINISTER SEEKS US AID

LABOR MINISTER ROSA TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN OCTOBER 27 THAT THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY WISHES TO RENDER THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT INEFFECTIVE, NOT TO

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TOPPLE IT. HE ALSO SAID THAT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE US TO OFFER THE GOVERNMENT SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE THE MINISTER BELIEVES THE GOVERNMENT CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION, OUTSIDE SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMS TO REPLACE COMMUNIST CONTROL OF THE UNIONS AND TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT.

B. POWER TO THE PEOPLE IN ANGOLA

FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, AT AN OCTOBER 27 LUNCH WITH NATO AMBASSADORS, REITERATED THAT THE GOP WOULD NOT HAND OVER POWER TO ANY ONE OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OR TO A COALITION OF TWO. HE INDICATED PORTUGAL WOULD TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY SIMPLY TO THE "PEOPLE OF ANGOLA." THE ANTUNES IDEA WAS ALSO ECHOED BY MINISTER OF COOPERATION CRESPO.

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